



Left to Right: Jessica Elam, Sam Conklin, Steve Finkel, Warren Stelter, and George Bruce of Delarc show they aren't afraid to get dirty while they transfer tubelings from their original containers into 1-2 gallon pots.

Delarc Assists Delaware County Soil & Water Conservation District with Plant Potting Event

Dark clouds threatened rain on the morning of Wednesday, July 14 but did not discourage volunteers from The Arc of Delaware County (Delarc) from helping pot plants for the Soil and Water Conservation District (SWCD). A group of five people from Delarc pitched in to transfer over 200 tubelings from their containers to larger pots. The tubelings, plants about 3-6 inches in height, originally came in small containers and require more space so that their roots can grow over the summer, increasing the plants' chance of survival.

The tubelings were grown from local seed by New York City's Greenbelt Native Plant Center and were purchased from Greenbelt by the NYC Department of Environmental Protection for use in the Catskill Streams Buffer Initiative (CSBI). These trees and shrubs are native to the Catskill Region and will be planted in the fall as part of the CSBI which implements streambank restoration projects for landowners in the NYC West-of-Hudson Watershed.